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ALEXANDRIA:

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 21, 1860.

Congress .- The Senate was not in session yesterday, and the House of Representatives was occupied in the consideration of private bills.

PRESIDENTIAL .- The Maryland State Convention of the Union Constitutional party met in Baltimore on Thursday. The delegates appointed by the American party were admitted upon agreeing to the formation of a General Union Conservative Opposition party. Delegates were appointed to the National Convention, and State Electors chosen. No choice for President expressed.

The New York National Union Convention met on Thursday. Fifty-two counties were represented, and a full delegation was appointed to the Baltimore Convention .-Washington Hunt and Erastus Brooks are the delegates at large.

The National Democratic Committee have adopted a resolution to admit delegates at Charleston representing regular Democratic organizations only. The decision will exclude Mayor Wood and his followers, and "Ike Cook" of Chicago, Ill., and his set of claimants.

The South Carolina Democratic delegates elected, are deadly hostile to Mr. Douglas, and their resolutions condemn squatter sovereignty emphatically.

The New York Republican State Convention has declared unanimously in favor of Seward for next President.

A special despatch to the New York Herald dated Washington, April 19, says:-The Hon. Robert J. Walker sent a peremptory challenge to Attorney General Black about four o'clock yesterday afternoon, by the hands of Senator Brown, of Mississippi .-Mr. Black verbally declined accepting the invitation without explanation. This action of Governor Walker grows out of the testimony of Mr. Schanable, of Pennsylvania, before the Covode Committee, in relation to the letter from the President to R. J. Walker .-Mr. S. testified that Mr. Black declared to document; and if Gov. Walker or any other person pretended to have such a document. it was a mere pretence to cover up a perpetrated or intended treason to the Democratic party, or a mere pretext for deserting to the Black Republican ranks.

If the latest accounts from Mexico can be relied upon, the British government, at length, have resolved upon definitive action in the troubles of that wretched country .-The substance of our information is, that the British Minister has proposed a truce between Miramon and Juarez, for six months at the utmost, during which a Congress is to be elected by the different States of the Republic. This Congress is to be united in Jalappa, which is to be declared neutral ground, under the protection of the English government, and, if necessary, by English troops. The Congress thus selected by the nation is to make a new constitution which will be recognized, protected and enforced by England. The clergy is said to disapprove of the proposition.

The Richmond Whig is satisfied that the ticket which will be nominated at Charlesson, will be Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois, for President, and Thomas S. Bocock, of Virginia, for Vice President. It thinks that for the sake of the Vice Presidency, Virginia will cast a united vote for Douglass, seeing that Hunter or Wise will stand no chance.

We have received the April number of the Southern Literary Messenger. It contains a well written article on Macaulay, one of the late Professor Henry A. Washington's Lectures on the Races of Men, and other interesting papers on various subjects.

It is said that a brother of the fanatic Lovejoy, who recently figured in the House of Representatives, was the editor of an abolition journal published in Alton, Illinois, and was killed in a riot in that place, in the year 1837.

Gen. Fair, U. S. minister to Belgium, Captain Seymour, U. S. army, and Baron Grabow, of the Prussian legation at Washington, arrived at New York in the Arago.

The Mayor of Baltimore, bas, under the new Police Law, declared to be constitutional, surrendered all his authority over the police, to the new Police Board.

It is thought the President will veto any bill for paying the expenses of "Investigating Committees."

Postmaster General Holt, and his family, have arrived in Charleston, on their way to Washington, from Florida.

Mr. Clarke is the third United States Minister who has died at Gauatemala within five

The Democratic Convention meets at Charleston, on Monday next

COFFEE AS A MENTAL STIMULANT .- Schiller, during his hours of composition, kept at his side a bottle of champagne or Rhenish wine, or a cup of strong coffee. Horace Walpole wrote, usually from 10 to 2 o'clock at night, always having strong coffee by him .-Sir William Jones drank a great deal of coffee to support him in his nocturnal studies .-Baron de Grimm states that Voltaire, a few days prior to his death, with his characterisobviate in an elaborate discourse. To in the case of a male child born to the wife of strengthen himself for the task, he swallowed a prodigious quantity of strong coffee, and the present Sultan of Turkey. The child then continued to work for upward of twelve hours without intermission. This imprudent effort brought on an inflamation of the bladder. For the purpose of relieving the The consequence was that he fell into a leth-

News of the Day.

"To show the very age and body of the TIMES." The Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates has issued his warrant to Sheriff Dutton, directing an election to be held for done by Mr. Speaker Kilbourn, in virtue of the authority vested in him by the constitu-

tion of the State, and in compliance with a resolution of the House of Delegates. The warrant does not designate the time of holding the election, and there appears to be some doubt whether the election can be held except in case of the calling an extra ses- any promises of secrecy, to speak of its con-The Arago brings us the intelligence of the death of Colonel William Mure, one of

the most accomplished English writers on the Literature and Language of Ancient Greece. His principal works were a Tour in Greece and a Critical History of the Language and Literature of Ancient Greece .-It is said that he never hesitated to undertake a voyage to Greece, when it was desirable to settle by ocular inspection, some long disputed question of Homeric topography.

A gentleman who formerly resided in Dubuque, but who is now an officer in the U. S. army, wrote to a friend his opinion of Arizona, as follows: "We have just travelled over the much talked-of territory of Arizona. Such another God-forsaken, untimbered, unwatered and unfinished country, never before fell under my vision, and my optics have run over a good deal of what is called bad country."

South Carolina's greatest living son, Col. Wm. C. Preston, resides in Columbia, though has secluded him in a measure from active of July, 1857. life, has not effected his magnificent intellect. Since the days of Patrick Henry, whose blood is in his veins, America has had no the subject of this letter? If so, are you at lisuch orator as Wm. C. Preston was in his

A large number of the New York (Wood) delegates to the Charleston Democratic Convention, left on Wednesday, in the steamer Nashville. There were also a number of ladies and gentlemen on board, who go an accidental discussion with Attorney Gento witness the exciting scenes. What pleasure the female portion of the visiters can expect to find in an exhibition of the sort, it

would be difficult to conjecture. Under the members' compensation bill, every member of Congress absenting himself, except in case of his own sickness or sickness in his family, subjects himself to a loss of his per diem of \$8.20 per day during the time of his absence. The effect, therefore, of the refusal of the House to adjourn, is to tax those who go to the Charleston or Chicago Conventions.

The Williamsport and Elmira Railroad was sold in Philadelphia, on Wednesday, by the first mortgage bondholders. The price at which it was knocked down was \$100,000. As explanatory of this apparently low price, we may state that the sale was merely pro him that the President never wrote such a forma, in order to carry out the decree of

> Hon. John F. Potter and family have left for Wisconsin. He intended to go a week since, but the Pryor difficulty prevented .-New York to-morrow morning. It is proposed that he shall be serenaded in that city by some of his friends who will a some of his friends who will be some of his friends by some of his friends who will accompany put a shirt up him from which he will never him to New York.

The importation of foreign distilled spirits into the United States in the year 1859, was very large, amounting to \$5,309,680, or nearly a million and a half more than in 1858 .-Of this amount \$3,262,058 was brandy, the largest amount of this article ever received in one year.

By a communication in the Cincinnati Gazette from a citizen, in reference to the removal of pest houses and enactments of laws compelling people to undergo vaccination, it would seem that many cases of small pox have made their appearance in the city.

The Supreme Court of Mississippi has affirmed the validity of the law making it establishment is responsible for the act of his November, 1857. He also explained how barkeeper on this behalf.

The New York correspondent of the Bos ton "Journal" says it is rumored in New York that the lady of the "Diamond Wedding" has come back from Cuba disenchant-

The Kentucky Methodist Episcopal Conference which has just closed its annual meeting at Germantown, Ky., adopted a report declaring it inexpedient to make the general rule on slavery more stringent.

Dr. Wm. B. Tyler, for many years President of the Central Bank of Frederick, Md., bas resigned his position, and Mr. Robert Y. Stokes, a gentlemen of experience, elected to the Administration, he denied that it could fill the vacancy.

Alim Blakesley, of Utica, New York, a dentist by profession, mysteriously disappeared at sea from the steamship Augusta, had changed his opinion and that all the cabon Monday. He is supposed to have been insane and jumped overboard.

sum of \$8,000, exclusive of expenses, to Mrs. John Thompson, for injuries she sustained by a collision on the Hudson River railroad, on the 18th of January.

condition; and an immense quantity of lumber and timber is on its way to market.

FAIRFAX COUNTY ITEMS .-- It was Mr. Charles Williams, son of Mr. A. B. Williams who shot himself on Monday last, and not Mr. G. B. Williams as stated.

In the County Court, licences to keep Houses of Public Entertainment were granted to the following-named persons: Wm. F. Harrison, Isaac Lynn, W. H. Erwin, Wm. H. Taylor, James Cowling, A. Lydecker, Geo. W. Dowell, J. S. Potter, Edw. McNer-

hany, and Wm. Means. The following persons were appointed a patrol in the lower part of the county: John A. Fairfax, Captain; Luther E. Fairfax, Sam'l Lamb, John Pridmore, Burson Pridmore, Josiah Look, Alexander Carver, John F. Garner, John H. Lynn, Kendrick B. Cole, Chas. Potter, Chas. Dulany, and Lemuel

Thirty-two deeds were admitted to record.

INHUMAN LAW, -Soon after the conquest of Constantinople by Mahomet II., a law was promulgated declaring that all male children tic activity and enthusiam, attended the re- born into any of the Imperial families should their dictionary. To this project many ob- ble touching the succession to the throne .was strangled a few hours after its birth, despite the tears and supplications of its mother, and the protestations of its father .-The inhumanity of the affair has been a good pain, he swallowed, with his usual impatience, a large quantity of laudanum. the ultimate result.

NET HAIR DRESSES, at M MEYENBERG'S. An Interesting Revelation.

MR. ELLIS B. SCHANABEL BEFORE THE Co-VODE COMMITTEE .- Mr. Ellis B. Schanabel, having been sworn before the Covode Committee, testified as follows:

Question-Were you ever shown a letter, dated July 12, 1857, written by the Presiten delegates to represent the city of Balti- dent of the United States to Governor Romore in the House of Delegates. This is bert J. Walker, the latter then being in Kan-

Answer-I never saw but one letter in manuscript written by the President to Gov.

Walker, and that, I believe, bore the date July 12, 1857.

Question-Was it shown to you confidentially; or are you at liberty, without violating

Answer-I am under no obligations of se-Gov. Walker exhibited it to me in vindicaalso stated that he himself was under no confidential restraint. At this time Gov. Walker was exceedingly indignant and angry. He also freely expressed his fear that the President would not only destroy the Demoeratic party, but the country with it. I urged immediate publication. He feared the welfare would be best secured by not being too precipitant, although he stated with de-President had suddenly changed front since the date of that letter, the tendency of which change might be to disparage him (Walker) in public estimation as a faithful servant of the people, should that ever appear, either in assailing his honor, or the manner in which he discharged his duties as a public officer, he not only felt entirely free, but of late years he has passed his summers gen- would justify and defend himself before the erally in Virginia. The feeble health which | country by publishing the letter of the 12th | ders in Missouri and the other States, and

> Question-Have you recently conversed with any member of this Administration on berty to speak of it?

> Answer-I have recently had such conversation. There is no secret about it; no confidential restraint upon either of the parties. I have described the scene to many persons since Friday last. I presume this Committee, like many others, has heard of it. I had eral Black upon the truth of the existence of such a document as the one referred to in this testimony, he denying, and I affirming. He declared that no such decument existed, and never did exist. I told him I had seen it. He affirmed that I was mistaken; that

> if such a letter existed no good citizen would withhold it. I inquired of him whether he invited its production in the name of the President. He replied "Yes," that he challenged its production. That if Gov. Walker had such a paper, his duty to his country, as well as to himself, required him to produce it. That in point of fact, however, he said the story was not founded in truth, or words to that effect. Many severe remarks passed be tween us. He was in a state of great excitement. When I refered a second time to my having seen it, he again, in high rage, declar ed that I was in gross error; that the President never wrote such a document; and if Gov. have such a document, it was a mere pretence, to cover up a perpetrated or intended treason to the Democratic party, or a mere pretext for deserting to the Black Republi-

Before producing the letter, Governor Walker explained to the committee all the facts connected with it. It seems that Mr. Co vode has been in pursuit of this point for several days. The development will take Attorney-General Black by surprise. Mc Dougal and McElhone were both examined and testified to the existence and contents of the letter before it was produced. To-morrow Mr. Vandyke will produce correspondence between himself and the President, which will afford another interesting chapter.

After the reading of the letter, Mr. Walker proceeded to give a historical account of his appointment as Governor of Kansas, and of his action there under the views and instructions of the President, demonstrating penal for retailers to sell liquor to a drunken | that he had been fully sustained by the Preman, and declaring that the owner of the sident until the latter changed his policy, in the programme of the Lecompton Convention had been prepared in Washington, and transmitted to Kansas, and his co-operation asked and refused: first, because it did not submit the Constitution to the people; and second, because it did not even submit the ed, and adds some scandal which we won't slavery question to the people, but only to those who were willing to vote for the Constitution, being a very small minority of the

Governor Walker then declared at that date, in the fall of 1857, in Kansas, that this device was a wretched fraud and a base counterfeit, designed to prevent the people of Kansas from voting even on the question of slavery. On being then informed that i was the programme of the President and of possibly be the programme of the President, and showed Mr. Buchanan's letter of the 12th of July, 1857, to sustain the assertion. Mr. Walker was assured that the President inet west with him. Mr. Walker said that, whatever the President or Cabinet might do A verdict has been rendered, granting the or say on this subject, he would forever denounce this programme as base and dishonorable, and as forfeiting the pledges which he (Mr. Walker) had made in his own name and that of the President-that the Constitution should be submitted to the vote of the The Susquehanna river is in fine rafting people of Kansas for ratification or rejection, upon the faith of which pledge the people had acted, and, in the absence of which. Kansas would have been involved in immediate revolution, and the whole country in

Governor Walker said he had never retracted or modified one word he had ever uttered, or one line he had ever written on this

subject, and never should do so. When Mr. Walker read the testimony of Schanabel he became highly indignant. He holds that the denial of Attorney General Black, that any letter of instructions from the President to Governor Walker existed. and Black's defiance to either Walker or Schanabel to produce it, is equivalent to a charge of falsehood and forgery upon him, and it is said that Governor Walker has already called the Attorney General to a per-

The President and Kansas.

Governor of Kansas. Washington, July 12, 1857.

instant. pends is, the submission of the constitution ciple of popular sovereignty, at the founto the people of Kansas; and by the people I dation of our institutions, to deprive the peomean, and I have no doubt you mean, the ple of the power, if they thought proper to actual bona fide residents who have been exercise it, of confiding to delegates elected tertained that a repeal of the law will be long enough in the Territory to identify by themselves the trust of framing a constithemselves with its fate. The Legislature tution, without requiring them to subject everything else in my line. determined three months as the period of their constituents to the trouble, expense, residence to entitle individuals to vote for and delay of a second election. It would

members of the convention: and if the con- have been in opposition to many precedents vention should think proper to adopt, the in our history, commencing in the very best same period to entitle individuals to vote for age of the Republic, of the admission of Teror against the constitution, it appears to me ritories as States into the Union, without a this would be reasonable.

On the question of submitting the constitution to the bona-fide residents of Kansas, I am willing to stand or fall. It is the principle of the Kansas-Nebraska law, the principle of popular sovereignty, and the principle | inborough, slave to Dr. Gilliam of Dinwiddie, of the foundation of all popular government. The more it is discussed the stronger it will become. Should the Convention of Kansas ago, was shot by Dr. I'anson on Wednesday adopt this principle all will be settled harmoniously, and, with the blessing of Providence, you will return triumphantly from your arduous, important, and responsible tation. The strictures of the Georgia and Mississippi Conventions will then pass away crecy whatever. I have discussed the merits | and be forgotten. In regard to Georgia, our of that letter with a great many different news from that State is becoming better evepersons within the last eighteen months.- | ry day. We have not yet had time to hear much from Mississippi. Should you answer tion of his course in Kansas, and at the time the resolution of the latter, I would advise you to make the great principle of the sub- ed his during attempt to kill, when Dr. I'anmission of the constitution to the bona-fide residents of Kansas, conspiciously prominent. his death instantly. On this you will be irresistible.

With the question of climate every person is acquainted, and the more you insist upon consequences to the country, and thought its | we are violating the principle of non-interand Nebraska bill. It is strange that peotermined emphasis, that inasmuch as the ple at a distance, who have no practical acshould undertake to be wiser than those on policy to build up a great Democratic party there, to maintain the Constitution and laws. composed of pro-slavery and free-State Dem- City, is Superintendent of the Dining Room. an evident variation in the accompanying tives, and our ship presented a decided conocrats; and, if the majority should be against slavery, to obtain such constitutional provision as will secure the rights of slaveholmaintain all the laws guarding the just rights of the South.

You are right in your conjectures as to the cause of Judge Williams' appointment .-We supposed it would be peculiarly acceptable to yourself, and that he might aid in carrying out your policy. Col. Cumming has been appointed Governor of Utah. This will cause his place to be vacant after the brief period required for settling up his business, and I certainly shall be disposed to fill it by the appointment of Mr. Stevens. Gen. Harnev has been ordered to command the expedition to Utah; but we must contrive to have him with you, at least until you are out of the woods. Kansas is vastly more important at the present moment than Utah.

intermission. I pray the Divine Providence. in which I place my trust, may graciously

With every sentiment of esteem, I remain, always sincerely yours,

JAMES BUCHANAN.

Hon, Robert J. Walker, Gov. of Kansas.

The Walker-Kansas Letter.

Buchanan to Hon. R. J. Walker, whilst the | county. atter was Governor of Kansas, which has been the subject of so much speculation and such contrary assertion, has at last been brought to light through the Covode investigation. The letter fully sustains all that has been said of it, and shows that the President at the time entirely committed himself nor Walker for pursuing the very course which he had urged upon him. Mr. Buchanan writes to Governor Walker that his success depends "upon the submission of the Constitution to the people of Kansas." On the question of submitting the Constitution to the bona fide residents of Kansas, he says: ernment. The more it is discussed the stronger it will become." And still continu ing to press the subject, Governor Walker is irged "to make the great principle of the subnission of the Constitution to the bona fide residents of Kansas, conspicuously promi-

nent. On this you will be irresistible, A more damaging instance of political inconsistency than is exhibited by this letter, in connection with the President's subsequent course, it would be impossible to coneive. The manner in which the exposure gency of the humiliation that must attend t. Mr. Walker, who has so long held the etter in reserve has only at last made it publie to defend himself from the attack of the Attorney General, who had recently declared that no such letter existed, and challenged, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, its production. J. Miller. The effervescence of even American politics, has rarely, perhaps never, brought to the surface a more painful exposition of duplici-

ty and treachery .- Bult. American. The following is the defence of the Presilent, as made in the Washington Consti-

"The object of the Covole inquisition doubtless, is to involve the President in an inconsistency, in first having strongly recommended to the convention to submit the Lecomption constitution, after its formation, to the people of Kansas, and in afterwards recommending the adoption of this constitution | fal fashion plates, a great variety of patterns, to Congress, although it had not thus been | choice reading, etc., etc

The convention did act in pursuance of

the advice of the President, so far as to submit the all-important and absorbing question of slavery to the people. About the remaining provisions of the constitution there was never any contest. These the convention declined to submit to the people. The President at no period ever withheld the expression of his earnest desire that the constitution should be submitted to the people .-After the convention had refused to do this, an entirely new question then arose, namely, should the President disregard and nullify the constitution framed by the convention, and determined not to submit it to Congress because they had noted contrary to his advice? This he could not do with his deep convictions of duty. It is one thing for the President to advise the members of a convention or a legislative body to act in a par- M different thing for him to annul their lawful gress of the 6th of December, 1858, he emplays the following language:

"It is true, that, as an individual, I had expressed an opinion, both before and during Copy of the Celebrated Letter of President | the session of the convention, in favor of sub-Buchanan to Hon. Robert J. Walker, when mitting the remaining clauses of the constitution, as well as that concerning slavery. to the people. But, acting in an official char-MY DEAR SIR: I duly received your let- acter, neither myself nor any human authorter of the 28th ultimo on Friday last, and ity had the power to rejudge the proceedings read it to the Cabinet, then in session. The of the convention, and declare the constituheareal of the Academy, and insisted on the be put to death immediately after birth, the views which it contained were not calculated tion which it had framed to be a nullity. To production of a new and important edition of object being to secure the nation from trouto assure us of your success, though we did have done this would have been a violation of not despond. Hence you may judge with the Kansas and Nebraska act, which left the jections were started, which he resolved to This law has lately been carried into effect what satisfaction we received an account of people of the Territory 'perfectly free to the proceedings of the National Democrat- form and regulate their domestic institu-Mahmud Baja, daughter of Abdul-Medjid, ic Convention held at Lecompton on the 3d tions in their own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States, It The point on which your own success de- would equally have violated the great prin-

previous vote of the people approving their constitution."

Virginia News. The Petersburg Intelligencer says: -- "Edand hired to Dr. Panson of Chesterfield, and who had been lodged in the city jail a few days last. The particulars, so far as we have learned, are as follows: The Docter came to this city after the boy to take him home, and after and telling him he had better not run away again, when the boy replied that he intended to go away again, and used some insulting language, picked up a pitchfork and made at the Doctor, who, having a gun near by, fired one barrel in the air with an expectation of scaring him, but the negro continu-

It is the purpose of the White Sulphur this the more will our opponents urge that the reception of visitors earlier the coming into the open space, dancing with great ces upon our government, crippling our all ference at the foundation of the Kansas period designated for the opening of the sea-body, of which one, used only to polite and Capt. Brent to suits for damages, &c. But quaintance with the condition of Kansas, esq., is the General Superintendent. Mr. E. They seem almost under the immediate in- Jillicoffee. At this port, we were more for S. Smith is general store-keeper, and agent fluence of some wild, barbarous spirit, and tunate in the obtainment of fresh provisions. the spot. It is beyond all question the true for supplies. Mr. George Taylor has the perhaps they think themselves possessed, and at cheaper rates, than usually offered

> The Blue Ridge Republican speaks of the recitative. Of course, we could not undergrowth and prosperity of the town of Fairfax, Culpeper Court House. There are four from their countenances. But the dances, bullocks were bellowing, billy goats bleatchurches, four schools, a number of stores, throughout were wild, barbarous, and un- ing, hogs grunting, and squealing; chickens shops, mechanical establishments, &c., &c., there are also, ten resident lawyers and seven resident physicians. The town is a delightful place for a summer residence, to persons m the larger cities.

On Wednesday last the up mail train on the Virginia Central Railroad, when about half a mile above Mecham's river, ran into the rear end of a train of cars loaded with sand. The engineer of the mail train, Mr. J. W. McCandlish, in order to avoid injury, jumped from his engine, and by doing so ractured one of his legs just above the ankle. No other person was injured.

Some 15 or 16 persons have been admit-The pressure upon me continues, without | ted into the communion of the M. E. Church South, in Harrisonburg, making, with those received at other points in Rockingham, preserve my life and my health until the about 23 accessions to the Harrisonburg end of my term. But God's will be done, charge, since the commencement of the present conference year.

The Winchester Republican says: -"Dr. T. Clay Maddux, a graduate of the Winchester Medical College, now practicing at White since with complete success, two difficult fortresses, as seen from the anchorage .-The famous letter addressed by President surgical operations for sufferers of this After an exchange of salutes and mutual

> "Uncle Sam's" forces stationed at Harry on Thursday last-so that the public property is left to be guarded by half a dozen

John Adams, alias John Williams, there before, his imprisonment will last for in by the Ashanti's, from the interior, by The jury in the case of John L. Taylor,

tried for the murder of Wm. Graves, in Sep-

Two enterprising young physicians of Albemarle County have been honored with

positions in Bellevue Hospital, New York, Dr. Alex. Rives Jr. as resident surgeon, and Dr. Walter Coles as resident physician. Monday next is the April term of Orange

County Court. The following justices constitute the Court. Col. Garrett Scott, P. J .: James B. Newman, Ferdinand Jones, James Coleman, John R. Spottswood.

Mr. Thornton Withers, is doing quite

On Wednesday last an attempt was made at Orange Court House to set fire to the new building now in course of erection by Mr. C.

mill at Culpeper C. H., which will soon be

Wm. M. Hume, esq., is a candidate for re-election to the Sheriffalty of Fauquier. cheering in Clarke County.

Monday next is Clarke County Court-day HARPER'S MAGAZINE FOR MAY-AT FRENCH'S Book and Periodical Depot-a splendid number-the best of the season-price 25 Godev's Lady's Book for May, contains beauti

Cassell's Hustrated Family Bible, part 5th, beautifully illustrated, 15 cents, Cassell's Illustrated Natural History, part 4,

full of illustrations, 15 cents. Peterson's National Magazine for May, 187 etc. Arthur's Home Magazine for May, 182 cents. Emerson Bennett's Dollar Monthly, 19 cents. Fireside Monthly, 10 cents. All the Year Round, edited by Charles Dickens

April number, 25 cents. Atlantic Monthly for May, 25 cents. The Country Gentleman for this week, 6 cents, Hall's Journal of Health, 10 cents. The Sabbath School Bell, containing a choice lection of tunes, 12 cents-a fresh supply just

Nick Nax for May, 10 cents, Littell's Living Age for April 28th, 13 cents. Thackeray's Cornhill Magazine, English editio

Frank Leslie's great Fashion Book and Family agazine for May expected this morning, 25 cts. National Sporting Pictorial of the New York Eclectic Magazine, beautifully illustrated, 50 cents, or \$5 per annum. Brownson's Review for April, 75 cents.

Every thing in the Book, Newspaper, and Magtzine line, on hand. Constantly receiving new

GERS Book, Periodical, and Newspaper Store, Prince-street, apposits the Gazette Office. Harper's Magazine for May, is a splendid nummbers ever issued by Godev. 25c.

Arthur's Home Magazine for May, 184e. Cassell's Illustrated Family Bible, one of the cheapest Bibles ever published, part 5, now realustrated with splendid engravings and tinted

Peterson's National Magazine for May, 187c.

Ballou's Dollar Monthly for May, 10e, Book, Dime Recipe Book, Dime Dialogues, Dime Speaker, Dime Book of Etiquette, Dime Book of Dreams, their Romance and Mystery. Nick Nax for May, 10c.

All the Weekly and Daily Papers for sale, and

plates, 15e

Cruize on the Coast of Africa .- CONTINUED.

seen in that line-and, for awhile, afforded | would exert a salutary check upon the can us a good deal of amusement. The men stant prostitution of our fing, as well, as put a gathered around, leaving an open space in present, government is laudably exerting itsgetting him home, he was admonishing him their midst, and commenced a kind of chant, elf in this matter, at the game of blind or recitative, accompanied with clapping, man's buff." Why not appoint a court simi stamping, and an old tin kettle, by way of a lar to the English Admiralty, where cases o drum. At first, the chant was low and this nature can be fairly tested? Let me monotonous, but it gradually rose higher, repeat that the humbug attendant upon the and became more varied—the clapping and capture of these slavers, has deterred the stamping also becoming more vigorous. - American officers from feeling any great in-Then they commenced a sort of bowing to- terest in the requirements of their commis wards each other; not by a gradual bend of sion on this cruise. We who know the "base" son shot him with the other barrel, causing the body, as we do, but by a sudden protru- and outs" of this dodging foolery, are as sion of the knees forward and outward, positively convinced of the illegality of those giving one an idea that the performer had sent home by Captain Brent of this ship, as some notion of squatting down on his haun- we are of others, which to seize, would be Springs Company, to open the Springs for ches. Suddenly, one of them whirled off sheer nonsense, as entailing fresh annoyanseason than usual. The 15th of May is the vigor, and a twisting and turning of the ready weakened condition, and subjecting son. Hon. Jeremiah Morton is now the graceful dancing, could have very little idea. we board them-oh yes! President of the company. J. Humpbreys, Another and another fly off, and join him. position as Receiver, and Manager. Mr. and under the control of a superior being. Canoe loads of fowls, eggs, vegetables, pigs, Gass, late of the National Hotel, Washington | Their dances are not all alike, and there is goats, &c., were paddled out to us by the ha-

uncivilized people. On the night of the 13th inst., we came to | ludicrously wrathy against a big goat, which off Elmina, when, notwithstanding the late | not fancying their near approach, had lan hour, we were immediately surrounded by | ded them over a gunslide, flat on their backs. habbering natives, who had paddled out to with their capful of broken eggs, streaming us. I have often noticed their peculiar over, and around them. Heavens! what a alertness in this respect. No matter what bable of sounds there were. Such was one hour of the night we may have anchored, of the diverting incidents of our cruise life, in harbor or on the sea coast, these fellows | While there, the "Sumpter" steamed in ... avariably have given indication of the fact. We took her for an old mail graft, which our The following morning broke clear and Uncle had kindly chartered to send us the heautifully over this, the finest portion of news from home, of something important the Western coast; the interest of its natu- occurring, and felt, when we discovered our ral scenery being enhanced by the imposing mistake, great mortification at the old genortresses, extending, not more than ten miles | tleman's gullability having been so grassly apart, along the Gold coast, and which were imposed upon. The steamer was to cross constructed by the European settlers, for the away in the Bight of Benin, the interim, be rotection of the gold and slave trade .- | fore the arrival of the mail at Fernando P. fere and there, along the sea side, the white | which she is to deliver to the Commoder ruins of some that have been abandoned, at Congo river, and where for a few days the oom up from their elevated sites, in bold relief, to the dense verdure surrounding, giving picturesqueness to the scene. Elmina, Jacinto," with her first engineer also, On controlled by the Dutch, is the oldest foreign settlement of these parts, and rather surpri-Hall, in this county, performed a few days | ses one with the magnificence of its Castled | day for Princis Island, which we reached on the 28th of November. ourtesies, we moved on to Cape Coast Castle, a few miles farther down, and in full glish, who, it seems, had captured them per's Ferry for the last six months, under the view, spending there two days. Here, again, with a cargo of five hundred negroes a few irtesies—but of a more familiar kind

form mixing in pleasing contrast, on our decks, with the naval blue. From a heavy, in-rolling sea, the ship was quite uneasy, Penitentiary for two years. Having been | pally confined to gold dust, which is brought skin-full's.' Frequently, however, an em-King, when it ceases for months. The Fantis, being quite ingenious, contrive rings to the bona fide residents of Kansas, he says: tember last, returned into the Circuit Court and chains, of curious devices, from the "I am willing to stand or fall. It is the of Richmond on Thursday, with a verdict of gold, which they have actually sold on board principle of the Kansas-Nebraska bill,—the principle of popular sovereignty, and the principle at the foundation of all popular govnheritance, and was amusingly exhibited by those having articles for sale-requiring to see the money before showing them to ourchasers. When the ring or chain would be circulated from hand to hand, for exami-

nation, the anxiety of the native knew no

ounds, and had, in one or two instances, to

e quieted by the Corporal of the guard.

On the evening of the 16th inst., we go

inder way, enjoying the changing view as ing influence of gentle breezes. While has been brought about, also adds to the pun- prosperous business in the Hotel line at the coasting the principal portion of the cruize ground, land is generally kept under glass range, and often in close view to the naked harmony. The old ship continues her creeve; the ship standing off and on the diferent entrances to rivers, stopping in at the lifferent settlements, and overhauling all vessels bearing the stars and stripes. J. Miller.

Mr. E. B. Hill is erecting a steam grist mill at Culpeper C. H., which will soon be cap lights; and "sail-ho" from the masthead is at once responded to by bearing down for the reported sail, when the test of sailing qualities between the two ships becomes for the time an interesting observa-The prospect for a good wheat crop is very tion. The present effectiveness of our squadron may possibly check the greater increase of the slave traffic, composed, as it is, of appropriate vessels, which have been promptv and judiciously set to work. The coast has never been subjected to a more diligent avestigation, than at present undergoing. Each man-of-war is following, at appropri-ate distances, in the wake of the other; so, Each man-of-war is following, at appropriate distances, in the wake of the other; so, by the time the last cruizer reaches St. Paul's, the "Portsmouth" will be again at the head of the slave waters, with the others at intermediate stations, on their return up. Nevertheless, many illegal traders will estimate the stations of the slave waters are stationally formed and transplanting Transplant cape, with their cargoes of human freight; nor do I see a possibility of preventing this, perversion of law in their clearance from home ports, and the shipment of negroes here at opportune moments for escape.-They fit out as whalers and palm-oilers. of articles declared illegal for this coast by their manifests by custom-house authorities. as applicable to entirely foreign uses. Along the entire Western coast of Africa, are Engand other settlements, the various legalized LI ARPER'S MAGAZINE FOR MAY, just other parts, while they signalize the bark received, and for sale at GEORGE SIGto run in: which she does, and procures, in a few hours, her cargo. I do not believe that hardly an exception to my remark can be found in any merchant on this coast, and Godey's Lady's Book for May is one of the best some of them are Americans, from the East- his efforts to make a support in the place ern cities of the United States. Moreover, pativity, (rather than to reme when we seize a vessel whose cargo has been purpose.) he returns his thanks, hoping the declared illegal by the Department's instruc- continue their patronage, and that others may tions, the evidence of such, constitutes no induced to favor him with a portion of their bus proof, in the judgment of our Courts, and Cassell's Popular Natural History, profusely il. | she is dismissed from custody, thus emboldening others to try their chances in a specu- a stipulated sum, to be agreed upon; also for care ation that pays so handsomely, with but sales, after securing the per centage to be paid few risks to run-the greatest of which is to the State and Corporation. This mode is " Beadle's Dime Song Books, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, he risks to run—the greatest of which is to the State and Corporation. This moute and 6; Beadle's Dime Letter Writer, Dime Code be overtaken by the English, after receiving fairer than the usual plan of selling for a seminal plan and 6; Beadle's Dime Letter Writer, Dime Cook their cargo of slaves, when they are unceremoniously put ashore (captain and crew) to starve, or be murdered on the savage, barbarous coast of Africa.

> search," England's utility in restricting the ap 21—dtMay28 JOHN T. CREIGHTON. SPRING AND SUMMER SILKS, are now traffic has been materially lessened, as the opening at [ap 21] MEYENBERG'S. operations of her squadron are now con-

fined to the seizure of those vessels with Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. negroes on board. This fact, in connection We weighed anchor on the 9th inst., and with the indifference of our Commanders. stood out for Elmina, reaching it on the 13th explained in the above reasons—has induced an increase of illegal traders on this const inst. The monotony of the run down, was to the present ration, which is estimated by relieved by something new on the boards. those residing here for years, as larger than

Our Kroomen assembled in the starboard at any previous period. It strikes me, that the subjugation of all gangway, and performed some of their charvessels trading within certain limits on the acteristic dances. It was novel to us-some- coast, to the necessity of being searched by thing different from what we had ever before the English and American men-of-wa stop to the continuance of the practice. At

stand the subject of their song; but it seem- ed decks of a man-of-war. All were jumed to be of a pleasing character, judging bled up in indescribable confusion. Live couth, and such as only could belong to an cackling, parrots mocking, native stablering, the men swearing, and in one or two cases. squadron will be assembled to try by Court Martial, the Executive officer of the "San the 20th, we sailed for Wydah, arriving on the following morning, and leaving the same

trast to the usual clean, and orderly arrang-

American crew were taken relative to the Enthe promise of landing all hands at Sierra Leone, to haul down the American colors was mentioned by an eye witness to the shipment of the negroes. Five cances carried them out to the Brig, into which they jumped with gleeful alacrity, glad to escape the barbarous tyranny of the King of Dehoni, and anticipating a pleasant home across the waters. So contented had their captor's standing almost against one, (at night and imity, nor would have been unless informed by the skipper of an English Bark, of the negroes being then on board. The Brig was then becalmed, when the British again visited and seized her. The negroes had even been made to believe that the mea-ofwar's men would cut their heads off and eat

At Prince's Island we remained four days engaged in watering ship in the midstof a leaving again on the 8th, direct for St. Paul de Loando, via Congo. We are latterly enhe entire cruise, blessed with health and ditable behaviour, not yielding to any of the 'new comers' her precedence as the yacht of the African Squadron. We are all anxious readers of the Gazette would probably fied interest in a correspondence relative to this cruise. I have ventured to trespass somewhat, by it's length, upon your columns. Hewerer, you will judge its merit to the space twill require, so, for the present, good bye to you and the good folks of Alexandria.

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